

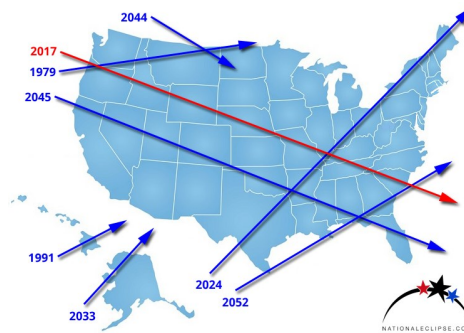


Mt. Pleasant UMC

August 2017

Total Eclipse Happy

²⁴ “The LORD bless you and keep you;
²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)



On August 21, 2017 the country was almost completely occupied with the first solar eclipse that crossed the whole country during their lifetime. The nation gathered in large numbers to see and experience the event. The nation was caught up in total solar eclipse frenzy. The special eye-wear to watch the event were sold out quickly; camp sites and parties developed and formed. Throughout the day as the path of the sun and the moon cut across the country, people stopped what they were doing and went outside to view the historical event.

The last time a solar eclipse cut across the whole country, from coast to coast was 99 years ago. However, the last solar eclipse that came through the country was only 38 years ago in February 26, 1979. During that event, ABC news covered it live and, on a video that is now posted on YouTube, the news broadcaster said that the next eclipse won't be "until August 21, 2017... That is 38 years from now... May the shadow of the moon fall on a world at peace."

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It is with great sorrow and pain that we must admit that the shadow of today's moon as it went from coast to coast, did not fall on a country at peace. Although, in a symbolic manner, it did cut across a divided country in a path that split the nation.

The symbolism of people in our country who flocked outside and held parties to celebrate the fact that they were in darkness today, did not evade my attention, either. We see a nation that lives more and more in ways that promotes disaccord among neighbors. Violence is growing and the care for others is declining. As we lived out our day on August 21 in the shadow and in the darkness, I was reminded of a wonderful benediction from the book of Numbers. My prayer for this community, nation, and world is that the Lord would continue to make His face shine upon us; that He would grant us peace as we seek Him.

I am encouraged by the great number of people who were looking upward today instead of downward upon others. There is always hope as long as there is breath in our lungs and love in our hearts. May the Lord bless and keep you and may the sun be shining on a loving country during the next eclipse on April 8, 2024. Until then, keep looking up!

Peace and blessings, Pastor Brian

CALENDAR ITEMS

Every Monday Morning, 10am Women's Bible Study
Every Sunday Morning, 9am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School



- Mon Aug 28** — 7pm - 8pm Parsonage Trustee Meeting
- Mon Sep 4** — Labor Day
- Sun Sep 10** — 7am - 8am Men's Breakfast at Jay Tiffany's Northside
9am - 10am RALLY DAY with Special Guest Speaker
- Tue Sep 12** — 7pm - 8pm Ad Council
- Fri Sep 15**— Rummage Sale 9-3
- Sat Sep 16**— Rummage Sale 9-12
- Fri Sep 22** — 6pm - 10pm Game Night and Ice Cream Social
- Tue Sep 26** — 7pm - 8:30pm Camp Fire Conversations
- Sun Oct 1** — World Communion Sunday
- Tue Oct 3** — 7pm - 8:30pm Camp Fire Conversations
- Sun Oct 8** — 7am - 8am Men's Breakfast at Jay Tiffany's Northside
- Mon Oct 9**— Columbus Day
- Tue Oct 10**— 7pm - 8pm Ad Council
- Sat Oct 14** — 9am - 2pm Craft Bazaar & Basket Auction
- Sun Oct 15** — Laity Sunday
- Sat Oct 21** — 9am Apple Butter Boil at Kliesgrove
- Sun Oct 22** — 9am - 10am Harvest Home
- Tue Oct 24**— 7pm - 8:30pm Camp Fire Conversations
- Sun Oct 29** — Reformation Sunday
- Tue Oct 31** — Halloween
- Sun Nov 5** — All Saints Day Daylight Saving Time ends
- Tue Nov 7** — 7pm - 8pm STAFF & MINISTRY MEETING
- Sat Nov 11**— Veterans Day
- Sun Nov 12** — 7am - 8am Men's Breakfast at Jay Tiffany's Northside
7pm - 9pm CHARGE CONFERENCE AT MP
- Mon Nov 13** — 7pm - 8pm SPRC Meeting @ KG
- Tue Nov 14** — 7pm - 8pm Ad Council
- Sun Nov 19** — Fellowship Meal
- Thu Nov 23** — Thanksgiving Day
- Sun Nov 26** — Reign of Christ/Christ the King United Methodist Student Day
- Mon Nov 27** — 7pm - 8pm Parsonage Trustee Meeting
- Sun Dec 10** — 7am - 8am Men's Breakfast at Jay Tiffany's Northside
- Tue Dec 12** — 7pm - 8pm Ad Council
- Sun Dec 24** — Christmas Eve 7pm - Family Christmas Eve Service at MP
11pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- Mon Dec 25** — Christmas Day
- Sun Dec 31** — New Year's Eve



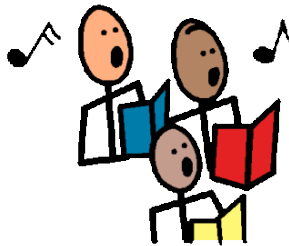
10/1	World Communion Day	Philippians 2:1–13 United	1 Corinthians 1:10
10/8	Columbus Day	Philippians 3:4b–14 I Want to Know Christ	Hosea 6:3
10/15	Laity Sunday	Philippians 4:1–9 Rejoice in the Lord Always, I will Say it Again, Rejoice!	Deuteronomy 12:7
10/22		TBD	TBD
10/29	Reformation Sunday	1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 Speak as Those Approved	2 Timothy 2:15
11/5	All Saints Day Communion Daylight Savings	Revelation 7:9–17 A Great Multitude	Jeremiah 30:19
11/12	Veterans Day Charge Conference	Joshua 24:14–25 But As for Me and My House	Psalms 78:4
11/19		1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 You Are Not In Darkness	Ephesians 5:8
11/26	United Methodist Student Day	Ephesians 1:15–23 He Fulfills Everything	Psalms 16:11
12/3	Communion 1st Sunday of Advent	Mark 13:24–37 Be on guard! Be Alert!	Ephesians 6:18
12/10	2nd Sunday of Advent	Mark 1:1-8 Prepare the Way: The Beginning of the Good News	Psalms 67:1-2
12/17	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1–4 The Gift of Being Sent	Genesis 8:10-11
12/24	Christmas Eve - Morning Worship 4th Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:26–38 Fulfilled	Isaiah 7:14
12/24	Christmas Eve - 7pm Family/Kids Service	Luke 2:1–20	Isaiah 9:6
12/24	Christmas Eve - 11pm Candlelight Service	Titus 2:11–14 Teach Us While We Wait	Isaiah 9:6
12/31		Isaiah 61:10–62:3 Shining Like the Dawn	Isaiah 60:1-3
1/7	Communion	Matthew 2:1–12 Go and Search for the Child	1 Chronicles 16:9-10



Do you have a desire to help with the music ministry? Now is your chance to sponsor an anthem. It can be anonymous, in honor of someone or an occasion, in memory of someone, or to the glory of God. We ask for a donation of \$25.00 per anthem sponsored. Help us make a joyful noise to the Lord. See Wayne or Deleen for more info.



Mt. Pleasant will hold its 5th annual Fall Craft Bazaar on **Saturday, October 14th from 9am to 2pm** – RAIN OR SHINE! Spaces are available to rent for crafters. There will be a basket auction at 11am of baskets full of goodies and also a few craft items. We will also have a kitchen full of homemade food to sell – DELICIOUS! Proceeds will benefit current expenses and the new playground. For info, call Lois K. at 570-286-8042.



*It is said that those who sing, pray twice. It's that time of year again to get the music ministry in tune. Choir practice will resume **August 23rd and every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30pm.** Hope to see you there!*



Camp Fire Conversations for Young Adults. Weather Permitting, we will gather around the camp fire, relax, hang out, share a devotional and discuss faith and life. Gatherings will be at the church, starting at 7pm on Sept 26, Oct 3 and 24. We are working on arranging child care during this time and will notify you which sessions we will have child care for.

Mt. Pleasant will hold its fall rummage sale on Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th at the community hall – 9am to 3pm Friday and 9am to noon on Saturday. All donated items for the sale should be delivered to the community hall no later than 7pm on Thursday the 14th so they can be sorted and displayed for the early morning hours which are the busiest. There will also be a yard sale held simultaneously at the church pavilion for any furniture or larger items. They can be stored at the pavilion until the sale if you wish to deliver them early. PLEASE NO TVs. For information on the rummage sale, call Judy Pope at 286-4917 or Lois at 286-8042. For yard sale information, call Wayne at 286-9255.



Family Ministries

Family Ministries has had a many fun activities this summer. In June we had a family dinner night out at Hoss's. Everyone enjoyed a night off from cooking and enjoyed good food and ministry with family and friends. During this family ministry event, we collected jewelry to be given to head-start in Sunbury. Sunbury Head Start classes use the jewelry for students to pick out as gifts for their mothers for both Mother's Day and Christmas. In July we celebrated our community by having a community picnic. During the community picnic, we had water games including a water balloon fight, sponge toss, and slip and slide. Everyone had a great time enjoying great food and games. August found family ministries at the bowling alley for a fun night out bowling. A great time was enjoyed by all and we are planning another bowling night next summer.

Our upcoming events include a family game night and ice cream social on September 22nd. On November 19th, we will be doing a fellowship dinner after Sunday school. In December, we will be going caroling. More information on each family ministries event can be found in the bulletins on Sunday mornings.



We hope to see you at our upcoming family ministries events!

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10, The Susquehanna Valley Parish will have a special guest speaker at both worship services. Our speaker for the day will be Ethan Ward. Ethan is a recovering heroin addict who spent 14 months at Teen Challenge to regain control of his life free of drugs. At the age of 21, Ethan will share some of his battles with his addiction and how his Savior has helped him overcome his addiction and maintain his sobriety for over two years. Please be sure to invite friends and members to hear this young man's testimony.



Mission Trip/Workcamp

The Youth are looking at some dates for possibly going on a mission trip/work camp next summer. More information will follow as the youth discuss this new opportunity for them.

BIRTHDAYS

August

02 Michelle Cooper
 02 Harold Reich
 03 Robin Lazicki
 04 Bonita Kauffman
 05 Judith Pope
 07 Timothy Herbster (TJ)
 07 Brandon Ulrich
 08 H. Ronald Pope
 09 Gloria Walker
 10 Michael Moyer
 14 Tessa Long
 15 Ron Gay
 18 Aimee Pope
 18 James Pope
 25 David Hauck
 30 Tara Williams
 30 Dale Neidig
 31 Garrett Boop
 31 Pamela Rodkey

September

01 Nathan Linn
 02 Taryn Pastuszek
 06 Abigail Wetzel
 07 Ayden Hauck
 07 Gregory Reich
 08 Corinne Aucker
 08 Chris Main
 09 David Pastuszek
 12 Ganon Gay
 15 Brett Neidig
 20 Kyle Kern
 21 Steven Herring
 23 Vicki Pope-Main
 30 JoBeth Herbster

October

01 Darlene Kern
 02 George Nace
 02 Jack Pegg
 03 Meredith Cooper
 06 Karen Bobeck
 06 Sharon Grimm
 07 Adalyn Pastuszek
 12 Glenn Haupt
 16 Derrick Lindenmuth
 16 Brian Pope
 20 Brandon Zoch
 24 Hilda Kashner
 25 Carol Pope
 26 Peggy Wallish
 27 Felicia Wetzel
 31 Alycia Lazur



Anniversaries

August

10 Joel & Jen Spangler
 15 Joseph & Denise Finan
 18 Eric & Jodee Aucker
 19 Eric & Jamie Doering
 23 Paul & Holly Kieffer
 29 Dave & Becky Pastuszek



September

03 Jerrod & Laura Cole
 12 Don & Sylvia Herb
 17 Chris & Vicki Main
 17 Thomas & Kris Reich
 18 James & Pamela Rodkey
 22 Dave & Kim Zoch
 22 Jack & Colleen Pegg
 27 Gordon & Gail Aikey

October

05 Len & Joanie Meckley, Jr.
 13 Harold, Jr. & Beverly Reich
 15 Daniel & Phyllis Wetzel
 22 Jeremy & Michelle Cooper
 22 Shawn & Julie Moon

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